



### **Course Description**

#### **HUS1440 | Family Issues in Chemical Dependency | 3.00 credits**

This course is designed to analyze the effects of chemical abuse on the family system. Emphasis will be placed on family roles and dynamics; characteristics of children (including adult children) of chemical abusers; theories of co-dependence; and adaptations made individually and socially by family members. Critical issues and strategies in family treatment will be explored.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will be able to identify three family therapists and their contributions to the field of family therapy by:

1. Demonstrating knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to societal issues
2. Creating strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
3. Solving problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning

**Competency 2:** The student will be able to describe Erickson's stages of social development, the stages of the family life cycle, and the impact of addiction on individual and family development by:

1. Using logical, ethical, and/or emotional appeals appropriate to the audience and purpose
2. Demonstrating knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives
3. Communicating effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills

**Competency 3:** The student will be able to describe the assessment, treatment, and recovery process for families by:

1. Formulating strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
2. Providing suitable support and organization

**Competency 4:** The student will understand the impact of culture on family dynamics by preparing a class presentation on a specific culture by:

1. Using computers and emerging technologies effectively
2. Demonstrating logical reasoning

**Competency 5:** The student will be able to identify the diagnostic criteria for codependency and the treatment process for codependency by:

1. Demonstrating how natural systems function and recognize the impact of humans
2. Demonstrating an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively